THE CITIZEN.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Who is the Gentleman?

TO THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN:

What is gentility? What is respectability? How do *plain* gentlemen differ from "respectable" gentlemen? These questions are naturally suggested from following your correspondent "Facts," who in his second article explains that in his first he desired certain information from "some *responsible* member of the Y. M. C. A." He did not get what he wanted, from that source, but got what he evidently was not looking for from another scribe. I think a becoming dignity was shown by the Y. M. C. A. in their simply ignoring queries put by such an unaccountable combination of lawyer, judge, jury and executioner as "Facts" so far shows himself to be.

His second article proves the wisdom of their course, since without having had a word from the young men, he throws out an insinuation condemning them as an association of boors. "Facts" no doubt considers himself a gentleman, and I am by no means going to deny it: he is more than that implies. Since we have so slightly known him, he seems to have translated himself far beyond and above the social sphere of the conventional "gentleman," into a circle so select, so super-eminently respectable, that the I-am-better-than-thou Scripture personage of broadened phylacteries must be more than envious. "Facts," has most unkindly "cut" mundane society. We may never see him more. If we would look upon his like again, it must probably be as a materialized gentleman-saint in wax, at some Eden Musee.

But pardon me, DEAR CITIZEN. I took up the pen in this matter more for the purpose of pastime than anything else—and I would not jeopardize my reputation by provoking another grumpy epistle from any source. I pay my respects briefly to another of your contributors.

If, as "Fancy" puts it, there was no reasoning displayed; if the language of P. B. was not rhetorically polished English, I am satisfied to have it stand as plain blunt American. But to humor "Fancy's" illusion, I accept the situation, and hope to profit by his criticism. Being (if anything) progressive, I hope by patient steps to improve my "reasoning," to furbish up my "language." Who knows but that in due season, (according to accepted theories of evolution,) I might develop into a reasoning, responsible creature, and from that stage at length into a man—and then into a gentleman—wearing possibly a tile hat and tailor-fitted garments—as other gentlemen do?

"The apparel," Shakespeare says, "oft proclaims the man." But what about the —gentleman? What is it that not often, but invariably, distinguishes the *true* gentleman? I am forced to admit that the bootblack, the barber, the tailor, the college, all these contribute—they veneer, they polish up, they give respectability—but what are the real underlying qualities? What is the touchstone of gentility? What is the standard measured by which we all *take stock?* I trust both Fact and Fancy, if they deem it profitable to dig further in the mine we have opened up may be able to quarry out a nugget or two of solid value, to make amends for the many shovelfuls of mere rubbish we have been flinging out.

PROGRESSIVE BLOOMFIELD.

Ministerial Merchandise.

PARK STREET CHURCH, Boston.

To the Editor of the Hampshire Gazette:

You know that a very large and wealthy church in Chicago has persuaded our pastor to become theirs. They were very persistent. Their first call was decisively negatived. But this did not at all discourage them. They pursued their purpose of despoiling us of a pastor to whom they knew we were strongly attached, just as if they had a perfect right to him. Perhaps the transaction may be called "a purchase," taking our cue from Peter's language, admonishing the churches of his day that certain covetous men "shall with feigned words make merchandise of you;" or to use a milder phraseology, they have used such enchantments as have lured him away. The inducements which they held out to him, as we understand them, were, eight or ten thousand dollars, a parsonage, and, as crowning the other two, (according to the report of double tongued Fame,) a span of horses and carriage. Here is surely a splendid array of allurements—the last absolutely fascinating. What good man could hold his mind in equilibrium before the bright lure of a span of fine horses and elegant equipage? Certainly a Park street man would very naturally ask such a question. But whatever may have been the deciding motive, the inevitable decision is made, our pastor has decided to go, and we have no doubt, from the best of inward motives; money as he thinks, finding no place among them. The right or wrong of the transaction must, however, be left to the decisions of the final judgment. But to the particular point.

We need and desire a first-class minister, and are determined to have one. Now you know that no great city can thrive without a country to feed it; and we are fully resolved, in imitation of those who have by some means got possession of our pastor, that the country shall pour its richest ministerial treasure into Park street pulpit; concluding that if the church at Chicago had a right to tear our pastor out of our hearts, then we have a right to any pastor we can lay hands on. We know that the getting of a pastor is a most momentous work, a sublime, holy work, and we are prepared to enter upon it with exemplary piety and wisdom, but with indomitable resolution. We intend to "search diligently" every town and village and all smaller cities over the length and breadth of the land, to buy or lure the best pastor and preacher that can be found,—I mean the best in repute. We shall not accept a minister who is out of employment, for this, we apprehend, indicates that he is not first-rate. We are accordingly fixing our eyes on some highly esteemed and much-loved pastor; and the more esteemed and loved he is by his people, the deeper he is entrenched in there best effections, the more their hearts will bleed when we tear him out of them, the better; for this true love with which they hold him will indicate his greater excellence. Not that we desire to give pain to any one, by no means, we shrink from the very thought. But our work is *imperative* and *it is the Lord's;* and we are confident, if the Lord calls any existing pastor to become ours, (and we are quite sure that the Lord will call him if we want him) that He will take care of the bereaved church, however much they may be grieved at their loss and our treatment of them; and vouchsafe to them all that grace which, not only the rifling of their holiest affections, but the increased and perplexing duty of finding a worthy successor, may demand. We can say to whom we shall despoil of a pastor, with the greatest composure of faith, "The Lord will provide." However our faith may waver in other respects, it is firm here, for God has declared that Zion is "graven on the palms of His hands." We know, therefore, that He will take care of every bleeding church. Besides, according to modern improved thought on this subject, the love of the church to the pastor whom we may desire is to be taken in no sense as the voice of God to him in the matter, the love, or fancy, or ambition, or itching desire to have a smart preacher of the calling church, is *alone* to be regarded as the voice of God.

This is enough to show our deep sense of the solemnity of the task before us. The lure which we shall set before any one whom we may desire to become our pastor will be several thousand dollars and perhaps a parsonage. Whether we shall think it best to strengthen the lure by the offer of a span of horses and a splendid equipage I cannot say, for Park street church from past experience will be rather shy of tickling in a pastor his taste for fine horses, but I think we might be disposed (if a man fully up to our mark can be found,) to offer him a dozen canary birds to soothe the leisure hours of his reverence and sweetly break his morning slumbers. I am certain that some of our wine merchants will furnish him with a surplice. Farther than this I can promise nothing but a firm moral support, provided he is all right.

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If you, sir, can help us in this matter, we shall be thankful. Remember, the *more a church love their pastor, the more we shall want him.* Would you publish this communication, it might come before the eyes of some one who would be willing to assist us. I know this would be of the nature of an advertisement, for which you ought to be paid. But as we shall need all the money we can raise at present, to carry on successfully our ministerial trade, we cannot pay you much just now. But if you will help us to get a real good minister who will keep our pews full, I think we shall be able to pay you generously by and by.

A WILD ECHO FROM BOSTON.

The Latest in Hair-Dressing.

That a woman's glory is her hair I will not deny is a fact, at all events in some cases, but that a woman's hair is very often a terrible nuisance to her is an assertion to which many more of my sex are likely to assent. It is all very well to have a nice lot of hair, but with possession comes the serious question of what is the best thing to do with it. It is, I believe, from a wish to answer this query summarily that so many young women cut their hair short. At any rate, short hair is becoming increasingly fashionable, and the more I see of it the more am I getting to think it is a style that suits more women than any other kind of *coiffeur* I know. I hope English women will persist in cutting their hair short, rather than follow the lead of Paris, and go in for that *a la chinoise* style I wrote about a few weeks ago. In the French capital there is a regular rage for combing the hair all back from the forehead, though I am sure I cannot guess why, for it is a style of hair-dressing which suits a very small number of wearers. It tries the prettiest faces, and in many cases is intensely unbecoming. And, what is more, it is most unnatural to drag the hair back in such a way; for in a state of nature it, of course, falls from the top of one's head in all directions. I have before observed that the Chinese and Japanese ladies may become accustomed to what is done from their early youth up, but for us "Western barbarians" to adopt their style is indeed foolish. I have good reason to know that dragging back one's hair day after day causes most painful nervous headaches, and if persevered in helps to turn it gray sooner than anything.—*French Letter.*

HOW THE QUEEN DINES.—Any of Her Majesty's subjects who may desire to know the ceremonial of Queen Victoria's dinner table can hear all about it from a French journalist. All the details are interesting and some of them surprising. Exactly fifteen minutes before the dinner hour the guests are ranged in a semi-circle, the band plays "The Roast Beef of Old England," and to this appropriate and characteristic music the Queen enters the presence room; she shakes hands with the ladies and salutes the gentleman. Then she passes to the dining room, taking precedence of all her guests. As she looks down the table she finds her own family (so many of them as there are) all ranged on her left, and the guests of the day seated on her right hand. At this meal the Queen always wears gloves, unless it should be a State meal. On two points the rules of Court etiquette are very strict. No one is allowed to address a remark to her Majesty directly. If a guest thinks he has something which may interest the Royal hostess he mentions it to a fellow guest. The latter discusses it, and so, filtered and at second hand, it reaches the Queen. There is no rule, however, which prevents the Queen of England from asking any question she likes of any guest at the table. One other regulation bears peremptorily on the invited. Instantly the Queen has finished with a course every guest at table must also end. Curiously enough, this French chronicler gives no details of what happens when the Lord Mayor dines at Windsor.

A FARMER in England recently presented his first born for christening at his parish church with twenty-six Christian names selected from Scripture, representing every letter of the alphabet. Only with the greatest difficulty could the clergyman dissuade the farmer from laying such an incubus upon the child and get him to content himself with the first and last of the appellatives proposed. The full title of the unfortunate infant was to have been Abel Benjamin Caleb Daniel Ezra Felix Gabriel Haggai Isaac Jacob Kish Levi Manoah Nehemiah Obadiah Peter Quartus Rechab Samuel Tobiah Uzziel Naniah Word Xystus Yariah Zechariah Jenkins.

WORRY saps the foundation of business manhood and turns homes into pandemonium. Every time you worry, you insult God. If I go to the hotel for the night intending to take an early morning train, and tell the clerk to arouse me in time, and then wake up every little while to light the lamp and look at my watch to see that I shall be on time, I insult the clerk. Do not worry if you can not carry your burdens. You cannot lie down at night and roll from one side of the bed to the other and have faith in God.—*Rev. O. P. Gifford.*

MR. BARTLETT, who married the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, now rides in a carriage emblazoned with two coats-of-arms, his wife's and his own. The latter is surmounted by three crests, Bartlett, Burdett and Coutts. "The young man," remarks Life (London), "comes of quite a respectable New England family, and, indeed, his father's cousin is at this moment the leading fishmonger at New Bedford. But I think that worthy man would be astonished to see into what heraldic splendor his family has blossomed.

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ESSEX CIRCUIT COURT.—Ernest H. C. Dohrman vs. Theodore Lamprecht and Marie Fick.—ON CONTRACT.—ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.

Upon reading the affidavit of Joseph D. Gallagher, one of the attorneys of the plaintiff in the above cause by which it appears that the said defendants are both non-residents in this State, and that the defendant, Theodore Lamprecht, resides in Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and the defendant Marie Fick in St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, and that the above suit is brought against the said defendants as heirs of Adolphus G. Lamprecht deceased, under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the relief of creditors against heirs and devisees" passed March 7th, 1797, and that the land which they have inherited from the said Adolphus G. Lamprecht, is situated in the Township of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, in this State, and that the Sheriff of said County, has returned the summons issued in the above suit that he cannot find the defendants in his County. It is thereupon on this twentieth day of November, ordered that the said Theodore Lamprecht and Marie Fick the defendants herein, do appear to the said writ, on or before the twentieth day of January 1887, and that a copy of this rule be served on the said Theodore Lamprecht and Marie Fick, within thirty days from the date hereof, or be published for four weeks successively once at least in each week in the Bloomfield Citizen, a newspaper published in the County where said lands lie and that the first publication be made with in twenty days from the date hereof.
DAVID A. DEPUE, J.
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